

Darlington Building Society
North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 27th January 2016.

PRESENT – President C W West, D Austin, A B Bainbridge, T Briddock, S. Donlan, N Hutchinson, M Kirkbright, C. Nicholls, G. Smith, D Stanwix, and General Secretary D Watchman.

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE – M Christon, Steve Clarke.

GROUNDSMANS ASSOCIATIONS

At the invitation of the LMC Mr Neal Toulson joined the meeting to discuss the possible formation of a League Groundsman's Association.

It was reported that all Durham based clubs were members of the Durham Groundsman's association by virtue of their membership of the DCB.

The Yorkshire Groundsman's Association was now a separate entity to the YCB and self-financing. At a presentation by the YGA at the Yorkshire Premier League's last board meeting it was requested that all Yorkshire clubs who are members of an ECB Premier League should be asked to become members, the annual membership fee being £8. It was also requested that one individual from each Premier League should sit on the YGA committee which meets three times a year.

The committee unanimously agreed that it would be a positive step to form a League 'grounds collective' to look at opportunities for equipment sharing/hire arrangements, materials bulk purchasing benefits, exchange of ideas and best practice, give added value and provide a chance for ground staff to talk over problems and access expertise with the overarching aim of producing better pitches and grounds.

Resolved:

All clubs – groundsmen and/or persons working on ground to be invited to be involved in the 'group'.

The group to meet once or twice a year with IOG and/or Yorkshire/Durham Ground Association presence if possible. A first meeting of the NYSD 'group' to be arranged in March.

The League to pay the first years membership of the YGA for its clubs.

Mr Toulson would represent the league on the Yorkshire Groundsman's Committee.

Mr Toulson to work with the president to deliver these objectives.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Darlington RA

The appeal lodged by the club against the penalty imposed following the concession of their Sunday League fixture against Thornaby on Sunday 16th August 2016 was debated. The results secretary reported that 7 players who had played for the club in a non NYSD cup competition that day would have been eligible to play in the Sunday League fixture, and no attempt had been made by the club to contact the League with a view to obtaining dispensation for other players to play.

Resolved: The appeal was rejected and the fine (which had already been paid) was confirmed.

David Copland

The DBS Marketing Manager had been entertained to lunch by the president and other LMC members to mark his retirement and thank him for his support of NYSD cricket.

Cleveland Cup

The President had written to Peter Lodge as detailed in the previous meeting to thank the Cleveland League for their generosity in donating the Cleveland Cup for competition in the NYSD. Mr Lodge had subsequently responded and had mentioned there may be one or two other trophies, that currently resided in Middlesbrough Town Hall, that the NYSD might wish to consider for their competitions.

Resolved: The president to explore this opportunity further.

AGM

Bishop Auckland

The club had not been represented at the AGM but had tendered their apologies late in the day explaining the exceptional circumstances for their absence.

Resolved: Given the fact that the League had been notified before the meeting, and given the nature of the circumstances, it was exceptionally agreed that no fine would be imposed on this occasion.

Northallerton

The club had not been represented at the AGM, and had not submitted apologies before the meeting.

Resolved: In accordance with league rule 6, a fine of £50 was imposed.

SUB COMMITTEES

The structure of the various sub committees was agreed for 2016 with the only changes as follows:

Disciplinary Appeals Committee: D. Austin to replace D.C.Mulholland.

Events Committee: D.C.Mulholland deleted

Hall of Fame Committee: J.S.Clarke and D.C.Mulholland deleted. T Briddock added.

Cricket balls: J.S.Clarke replaced by S. Donlan

Under 17 Managers: Grant White replaced by Gary Chisholm and Paul Leadbitter

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Fixture amendments and requests

The fixtures for the 2016 season had been circulated to clubs and since then the following changes had been agreed:

Division 1

Richmondshire v Whitby from Monday 29th August to Sunday 21st August.

This change had been sanctioned because of the Bank Holiday commitments on the ground.

Division 2

Normanby Hall v Shildon Railway on 16th April to be played at Shildon.

An application had been made by Normanby to postpone this fixture as they had a christening on the ground. This application was declined but authorization was given to switch the venue to the opposition ground if both clubs agreed.

Premier Division

The club had requested permission to change the date of their Premier Division Sunday match on 5th June due to the possible unavailability of some of their first-team players who could be playing in other matches.

Resolved: Application declined.

Brand names

Darlington had notified a change in their brand name to Darlington Rockets.

Premier Super Sunday

The four host clubs for the group day are decided on a strict rotational basis so every club gets the chance to host over a period of time. This year's host clubs would be Normanby Hall, Norton, Richmondshire and Stokesley. They had been written to with details of how the days should run.

Junior League North

Darlington RA had resigned from the Junior League North and the junior cup competitions. The resignation was accepted without penalties.

Newton Aycliffe would replace them in the Junior Cup and Junior 15's competitions as they had requested to be considered for inclusion after the draws had been made.

U19 T20 COMPETITION

15 teams had now lodged an expression of interest with the ECB in entering the 2016 competition. Those 15 clubs had been contacted recently asking them to confirm their entry and detail their preferred dates for playing home matches. The deadline for return of that information was the 31st January. Given the high number of entrants, differing competition formats were discussed.

Resolved: If the final entry of 15 was confirmed then 3 groups of 5 teams would be formed on a geographical basis, with each team playing 4 matches and the three winners joining the best runner-up in a semi-final draw.

If the final entry was less than 15, then two geographical groups would be formed with the winners meeting in the final.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Under 17 Cricket Over Age Allowance

The results secretary advised he would shortly be writing to all clubs in respect of the nomination process for under 18 players for their junior teams in the 2016 season. The nominations would be required by the 31st March.

Club Administration Guide

The updated Administration Guidance document will be issued to clubs shortly.

TREASURERS REPORT-

Financials

A balance of £22,526.39 was reported.

Contingent liabilities totalled £3,081.60 made up of PQS scheme £1,910, 2015 15's prize vouchers £900, and women's cricket unspent budget £271.60.

UMPIRES COORDINATOR

Courses

A Level 1 umpires training course was currently being held at Stockton CC with 11 people enrolled, although not all were potential NYSD umpires.

Resolved: Anyone completing the course and going on to umpire in at least 10 NYSD matches in 2016 would have their £40 course fee reimbursed by the league.

A level 2 course was scheduled for the 19th and 20th March at Chester-le-Street and it was reported that 4 umpires from the NYSD panel were enrolled.

Resolved: It was agreed that the NYSD League would provide a grant of £300 to cover half the cost of the NYSD course entrants.

The annual refresher training evening for new and existing umpires would be held at Stokesley Sports Club on Tuesday 23rd February.

UMPIRES EXPENSES

It was agreed that there would be no change to umpires expenses for 2016

CLUB AIDE-MEMOIRE

A draft copy of the aide-memoire had been circulated to all clubs and committee members for review and comment and a couple of adjustments would be made before issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Saltburn

The club had advised that Graham Wright may be signing for them and they queried the current position regarding the penalties imposed on the player under disciplinary action taken in 2009.

The club had been advised that the £50 fine and £10 costs were still outstanding and under the League's disciplinary regulations the individual could not play cricket in any ECB affiliated competition until such time as the outstanding commitments had been settled.

DISCIPLINE

Middlesbrough Midweek League

The General Secretary had contacted the secretary of the Middlesbrough Midweek League regarding the suspensions imposed on three players by that league.

In the absence of any confirmation that the correct disciplinary procedures had been followed, it was decided that the penalties could not be extended to the NYSD League.

2016 Suspensions

Following disciplinary actions taken at the end of the 2015 season three players had suspensions due to become effective at the start of the 2016 season. Confirmation of the actual dates had been delayed pending issue of the season's fixtures, and with that information now to hand the following suspension periods were confirmed:

A. Shepherd Sedgefield From Saturday 16th April to Friday 29th April inclusive

J. Thompson Great Ayton From Saturday 16th April to Friday 29th April inclusive

M. Zahid Marton From Saturday 16th April to Friday 13th May inclusive

It should be noted that these suspensions apply irrespective which club the individual is registered to play for.

REGISTRATIONS

Amateur Transfers

Michael Croft	Great Ayton	to	Marton
Tom Young	Newton Aycliffe	to	Sedgefield
Simon Broughton	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
David William Earle	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Chris Easby	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Wayne Furnell	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Andrew Gordon	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Roger Hargreaves	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Simon Quirk	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Christopher McCabe	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Ian Revell	Oxbridge	to	Darlington RA
Dale Marshall	Normanby Hall	to	Darlington
Daniel Hardaker	Tudhoe	to	Bishop Auckland
Alan Baird	Stockton	to	Great Ayton
Connor Whitelock	Guisborough	to	Darlington

Overseas Amateur

Matthew Perilli	Marton
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Professional Transfer

Muhammed Zahid	Redcar	to	Marton
Aamer Sajjad	Barnard Castle	to	Normanby Hall

Amateur Reinstatement

Muhammed Zahid	Marton	Deferred for more details
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Paid Employee**Registration**

Muhammed Zahid	Marton	Coach	Deferred for more details
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Professional Registration**(EQ)**

James Matthew Finch	Barnard Castle
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Professional Registration**(Overseas)**

Aamer Sajjad	Normanby Hall
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Deferred Amateur Transfers

Samuel Taylor-Gell (form incomplete)	South Shields	to	Seaton Carew
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REGISTRATION FORMS 2016

All forms had been updated to include AGM amendments and DOB details, and these are available from the league website or general secretary. A new draw calculator would also be required.

Resolved: A copy of all 2016 registration forms to be issued to all clubs with the minutes, with a request to delete all previous copies they hold.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2016.

The 2016 presentation evening would be held at the Marton Country Club on Saturday 12th November, subject to their confirmation of tariffs.

Resolved: Ticket prices to be £30

PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS

The 2016 meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th April and would once again take place at Teesside University subject to confirmation of booking. The results secretary was in the process of organising the details which would be provided to clubs in due course.

CRICKET BALLS

The majority of clubs had placed their order for cricket balls. Those clubs who had not yet responded are required to do so before 5th February to Steve Donlan.

Resolved: Subject to the bulk purchase minimum order level being met the price of orange balls to clubs would remain at £8

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Notification had been received that the AGM of the Wilkinson Cup and the NE u21 Competition will take place on Wednesday 10th February at the Emirates ICG starting at 7pm. The president would attend.

Under 17s

The trials night had been held at the Durham CCC Indoor School on Monday 18th January with 35 attendees. The president had subsequently written to Jon Lewis and John Windows to thank them for their input.

Two T20 games would be played against Durham Academy on the same day – dates are being confirmed. The draft fixtures for the 2016 Yorkshire championships had been received and were currently being firmed up by Andy Batchelor before final confirmation.

Team Managers

It was confirmed that Chris Nicholls would continue as the senior team manager, and Andy Batchelor as the u17 manager. Grant White was no longer available to assist with the u17 team and his place would be taken by Paul Leadbitter and Gary Chisholm.

NYSD v Yorkshire Vikings

It was reported that the senior side would play a Yorkshire Vikings team in a T20 game at Marton on Wednesday 29th June.

PHOTOGRAPHY

It was agreed that a league photographer should again be appointed and that Mark Fletcher be approached to undertake the role once more subject to agreement on pricing.

Resolved: The president to progress.

ECB

Accreditation Payments to Clubs

It was agreed that the annual accreditation payment to Premier Division clubs, normally distributed at the end of each season and which is fully at the discretion of the committee in terms of allocation, would be linked to a formula which incentivised clubs to meet minimum ECB criteria.

Resolved: Accreditation payments to Premier Division clubs would be related to clubs compliance with ECB requirements in certain key areas considered critical for Premier Division membership. Payments in 2016 would be compliance dependant as follows:

Satisfactory data cleansing	£100
Online scoring	£100
Satisfactory Club Play-cricket Website	£100
Having junior teams at u11, u13, and u15 levels (all 3)	£300

The president would be writing to Premier Division clubs during February to outline what will be required under each element, however it should be noted that ALL Premier clubs will be expected to be scoring online in 2016 as clearly outlined in previous minutes, and all should have already taken steps to ensure they are computer scoring ready if they have not previously had it in place.

LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE

The Legal Update covering the changes to NHS charges for non-residents had proved an extremely valuable document to clubs around the country. The changes could affect all clubs with overseas players. The document was circulated to NYSD clubs in December but if anyone requires an additional copy these are available.

In addition the LCC have presentation documents available on the impending changes to CASC and the Pensions Auto Enrolment regulations affecting all employers – these are available if required.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES MANAGEMENT BOARD

A board meeting had taken place at Doncaster on the 14th January attended by the president. The trophy to be played for by the four champion clubs would be the former White Rose Trophy which would be showcased at the launch night on the 19th February.

All 7 NYSD Yorkshire Premier clubs were sending two representatives to the dinner, whilst the LMC would also be represented.

SPONSORS

Teesside University

The president was to meet with Alex Robertson on Thursday 11th February.

TAG Teamwear

A meeting would be arranged during February.

ROCKLIFFE PARK

In accordance with normal procedures for new member clubs it was proposed to hold a meeting with officials of the club to help them integrate and bed in the League's administrative processes and answer any queries they wished to raise prior to their first season of NYSD cricket.

Resolved: General Secretary to contact the club and arrange a suitable time, date and venue.

TAKING THE LEAGUE FORWARD

LMC members had been provided with a raft of potential initiatives and ideas by the president ahead of the meeting.

Charity Partner

It was considered eminently worthwhile for the League to consider adopting a charity partner on an annual basis to enhance their link and support with the communities in which the game is played, engender pride and raise the profile of the competition. It was considered that the charity chosen should have relevance to all clubs in the League and it was suggested that the Great North Air Ambulance would be a suitable partner in year 1.

Resolved: The president to contact the GNAA and report back to the committee.

Hall of Fame

The impetus seen in 2015 needs to be built on.

Resolved: There will be 5 new inductions made at the luncheon held before the 2016 Kerridge Cup final.

Priority will be given to those clubs making acceptable nominations who do not yet have any inductees.

In addition, any proposed marquee induction will take place at the presentation evening as usual.

NYSD Masters Competition

Masters competitions have become very popular around the world and perform a valuable function in retaining and enthusing older playing members of clubs. Clubs merging on a 'franchise' type model would be allowed.

Resolved: The opinion of clubs to be sought with regard to the viability of introducing a small initial "Masters" competition aimed at over 35's or over 40's teams.

Womens and Girls Cricket

A key target of both the ECB and the County Boards, but a sector which is difficult to get off the ground in many clubs. Raising the profile might be one way to make progress and consideration was given to raising a league under 15 team to play a series of matches against other rep teams in the region, and it was also considered worthwhile an approach being made to Yorkshire and Durham for their women's teams to play a T20 match before the Yorkshire Vikings T20 match at Marton in March.

Resolved: The president to follow up these ideas.

Presidents Trophy

The League were now the owners of the national inter-league trophy having negotiated the terms with the LCC and completed the paperwork. It just remained for a suitable competition for the trophy to be played for. A number of ideas were put forward.

Resolved: The trophy to be allocated to a 'Players Player of the Year' award. The details to be determined over the next month or so.

Whilst not relevant to that trophy it was also considered that a 'six-hit' league/competition would create interest and it was resolved it should be considered alongside the PPY procedures.

League website

The move to pitchero was pending. It would enable much more vibrant content to be displayed, however the change would require some considerable input of man hours.

Resolved: As there were no volunteers from the committee the president proposed 'employing' an IT specialist to oversee the change and bed the new site in, with a small fee to be paid in the region of £250. This was agreed.

HANDBOOK 2016

Quotation

The previous artwork specialist who had been used to put the book together before printing was unavailable this year, and the printers had therefore been approached for quotations for doing the whole job.

Club information

The annual request for club details had been issued to all clubs **with return of information due by the end of January.**

Alteration to Contact Details:

Great Ayton Secretary:

Henry Shelton has replaced Norman Thurlow

Address: 3 The Waltons, Little Ayton Lane, Great Ayton. TS9 6HX

E- mail: henryc_shelton@msn.com

Mobile: 07879 558552

Great Ayton Fixtures and Results Secretary

Norman Thurlow has replaced Gavin Coates

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday February 24th at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley starting at 7:30 pm.

